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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
ARGENTINA

IPF:(1992-96) $9 455 000

(ARG/92/003) - Civil Aviation

Date of approval by the AC:[1/]	3 June 1992
Expected duration:	36 months
Proposed executing agency:	ICAO
Government implementing agency:	Direccion Nacional de Aeronavegalidad (DNA)
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$ 502 500 Source of funds: IPF
Government cost sharing:	$ 872 400
Total UNDP budget:	$ 1 374 900

Project background

The Government of Argentina is in the midst of implementing an economic policy in order to stabilize the economy, revitalize production, and restructure the role of the State. In this context, specific importance will be given to measures that will contribute to opening up the economy towards international markets by increasing competitiveness both through increased quality and reducing the cost of the factors of production. As signatory to the Chicago International Civil Aviation Convention, Argentina is required to enforce the standards, recommended practices and procedures laid down by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). The DNA has been entrusted with national aircraft registration, with the control of production and research centers, and more broadly, with fostering the development of the Argentine aeronautical industry. The DNA is also responsible for coordinating activities with accredited international organizations and with its equivalent entities in other countries. The current project represents a new phase of

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UNDP/ICAO assistance to the Argentine civil aviation sector, which began in 1978 and which has been directed at establishing the National Directorate of Airworthiness (DNA) and fostering its development.

An independent evaluation of the most recent phase of assistance (ARG/90/002) Airworthiness, carried out in October 1991, concluded that UNDP/ICAO assistance had made a decisive contribution towards establishing a competent, adequately staffed and efficient civil aviation infrastructure in Argentina, despite the adverse economic conditions. The mission cited the bilateral airworthiness certification agreement signed with the United States Federal Aviation Administration in June 1989 as the project's most visible achievement. This agreement recognizes the DNA as a certifying agency for aeronautical products, thereby facilitating the export of Argentine products. The Evaluation Mission fully supported the continuation of UNDP/ICAO technical assistance to the DNA, on the grounds that the enhancement and updating of regulatory documentation needed to be continued and that levels of staff qualification needed to be improved through the development of in-house technical training capacity, and through external fellowships.

Description of project

The development objectives of the project are to: (a) contribute to sustained economic growth; (b) strengthen the management capacity of the State; and (c) improve the social conditions. The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) adapt and update civil aviation legislation, practices and procedures; (b) provide training to secure the availability of professional staff; and (c) implement fully data processing systems.

Project activities will include: (a) upgrading the operational security of aircraft to internationally accepted standards through modification of norms and procedures and training of technical personnel; (b) implementing a system for the certification of aeronautical parts/products, as well as a system of continuous airworthiness; (c) creating a register of national aircraft through updating of legal framework; (d) incorporating TRAINAIR for training and certification of technical personnel; (e) designing improved procedures for the prevention and investigation of accidents; and (f) implementing improved administrative efficiency through computerization and training of personnel. At the end of the project it is expected that the Argentine aeronautical industry will have improved its competitiveness and that the civil aviation authorities can comply fully with the bilateral agreement with the FAA, as well as sustain a dialogue with the FAA and with similar organizations abroad, notably in Brazil.

Inputs

UNDP will provide international experts and consultants: TRAINAIR (18 work-months), continuous airworthiness (general) (four work-months), continuous airworthiness (transportation) (six work-months), certification of helicopters (two work-months), certification of engines (two work-months), certification of aeronautical parts (two work-months), and investigation of aviation accidents (four work-months); 27 external fellowships in addition to local training in data processing and quality control; and equipment including non-expendable items (PC-hardware, telecommunications, and training support materials.

Financial data

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Personnel	670 400
Training	187 300
Equipment	408 200
Miscellaneous	109 000